



**Percentage of People In Need Who Received Services:**  
**↑ Increases for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities**  
**↓ Decreases for Substance Abuse**

North Carolina has designed its public system to serve those persons who have the highest need for ongoing care and limited access to privately-funded services. Increasing delivery of services to these persons is a nationally accepted measure of system performance. This is measured by comparing the **prevalence**, or percent of the population estimated to have a particular condition in a given year, to the **treated prevalence**, or percent of the population in need who receive services for that condition within a year.

The chart compares service claims data gathered from October 2005 - September 2006 with data gathered from October 2006 - September 2007.

- The percentage of persons in NC estimated to have mental health needs who are receiving services/supports in the public system increased 3%, from approximately 37% to 40%.
- The percentage of persons in NC estimated to have developmental disabilities needs who are receiving services/supports in the public system increased less than 1%, from 26.5% to 27.20%.
- The percentage of persons in NC estimated to have substance abuse needs who are receiving services/supports in the public system decreased about 1%, from 8% to approximately 7%. In this case, the number of people estimated to need services increased faster than the number of them who were getting services, resulting in a decrease in percent served/supported.

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